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The crew of Space Shuttle mission STS-105, Astronauts Scott J. Horowitz, Frederick Sturckow, Daniel T. Barry and Patrick G. Forrester will visit NASA Langley Research Center today, March 5, as part of their training for a Space Shuttle mission coming up this summer.

STS-105 will carry Langley Materials International Space Station Experiment (MISSE), the first attached science payload on the International Space Station. MISSE will investigate the effects of the space environment on a large variety of space materials which are candidates for future spacecraft..

During the mission, Astronauts Barry and Forrester will conduct a space-walk to attach the MISSE suitcase-like containers to the outside of the International Space Station. The containers will be retrieved after on year in orbit.

Reporters will be met at the gate at 1:45 p.m. and provided with badges by a representative of the Office of Public Affairs. Please call Ivelisse Gilman at 757-864-5036 if you are interested in coming.